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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : WATSON et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/975,317  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for ONE (1) month to November 13, 2006.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for a one month extension of time is \$120.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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